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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

Japanese document No. 2002-257732 and U.S. Patent No. 4,447,546 are discussed in the specification at pages 2 and 3. Applicant submits that the documents are relevant for the reasons noted therein. In addition, Applicant has obtained from a commercial database an English language abstract for the Japanese language document, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The cited international application is in the same patent family as the Japanese application.

### FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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